THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Delhi is placed in Zone-IV of the Seismic Zoning Map.

(b) Presently construction of Buildings in Delhi is governed by the Building Bye-laws which take care of the structural safety of the Buildings constructed/proposed to be constructed. These Buildings Bye-Laws are regulated and implemented through various agencies like the Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Council. The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has also been emphasizing the need for strictly curbing any violation of the Building Bye-laws by any person or persons and has been stressing upon the local bodies/ authorities to take action as per Rules and Acts against unauthorised constructions.

(c) To give a greater thrust for making buildings quake resistant and structurally more sound prospectively, the Ministry has issued a Public Notice on February 01, 2001 purporting to amend certain provisions of the Building Bye-laws which would enable greater structural safety of the Buildings. A copy of the Public Notice is at Annexure [*See* Appendix 192, Annexure No. 3]. This modification, as evident, makes it mandatory that the structural design of foundation, masonry, timber, plain concrete, reinforced concrete pre-stressed concrete and structural steel would be caried out taking into consideration the Indian Standards for earthquake protection of Building and that the certificate of doing so would be signed by the owner and the architect.

Rehabilitation of jobless workers of closed industrial units of Delhi

501. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that lakhs of workers have been laid off due to the closure of more than 18000 polluting industrial units in Delhi, recently;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals under consideration for rehabilitation of the jobless workers; and

(c) the details of the impact on socio-economic growth of Delhi by this large scale closure of industrial units?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) As per orders of the Supreme Court dated 7.12.2000 in CWP No. 4677/ 85-MC Mehta *Vs* UOI and others, all polluting industries running in non-conforming/residential areas in Delhi were to be closed within four weeks. There are approximately 38,000 industries running in non-conforming areas in Delhi which are said to be *prima facie* polluting, as per the survey done by DPCC in 1996. It was submitted to the Hon'ble Court that out of this, 6,000 industries are running in the light indusrial area. Thus out of the 24,000 units surveyed/accounted for, only 3636 units have been sealed in the first phase.

The industrial units closed/sealed in non-conforming and residential areas in Delhi are being encouraged to relocate in the areas of conforming use in Delhi as well as in the National Capital Region where the employment opportunities for the labourers will also accordingly be available. The effort is to encourage development of industrial estates with proper infrastructure.

Sale of prime land by charitable institutions

502. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported news-items about the charitable institutions, which have acquired huge properties in prime localities almost free of cost letting them go into private hands due to their inability to run those institutions;

(b) if so, the action being proposed to be taken by Government to acquire such properties and make them available for public use;

(c) whether Government have inquired into involvement of land mafia in such cases alongwith the manipulations of the charitable institutions; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Since the news-item does not furnish